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Breast Implant Illness in Silicone Breast Implant patients

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- 1) A subgroup of patients with Silicone Breast Implants (SBI) develop health complaints called Silicone Breast Implant Illness (SBII). – *this thesis*
- 2) Patients with SBII may develop health complaints during the years independent from SBI design. – *this thesis*
- 3) SBI patients with self-reported symptoms, have a higher prevalence of (cognitive) health complaints in comparison to SBI patients without self-reported symptoms and patients without breast implants. – *this thesis*
- 4) Explantation of silicone breast implants in patients with SBII can improve health complaints in these patients. – *this thesis*
- 5) Results of this thesis socially implicate that SBI patients with concerns about the potential risks of their breast implants have to be taken seriously in their experienced health complaints. – *this thesis*
- 6) Reconstructive surgery is an attempt to return the tissues to normal. Cosmetic surgery is an attempt to surpass the normal. – *Harold D. Gillies*
- 7) Never throw away anything until you are sure you will not need it. – *Harold D. Gillies*
- 8) Surgical decision-making in the complex scenario of plastic surgery is an environment in which being an expert requires the ability to manage the unexpected.
- 9) The greatest medicine of all is to teach people how not to need it. – *Hippocrates*
- 10) Health is not valued till sickness comes. – *Thomas Fuller*